GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Department of Mines & Geology – Exemption of the Mines & Geology Department employees from other duties in the District on par with other Revenue earning Dept., - Orders – Issued - Regarding.

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INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (Estt) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.342 Date:21/11/2017

Read the following:-

1. Circular Memo No.16183-A/251/A1/PC-III/2007, Finance (PC-III) Dept., dt.04-07-2007.
2. Government vide Memo No.12120/M.I(1)/2011, Dt.03.10.2011
3. From the Director of Mines and Geology, Letter No.25841/E1/201, Dt.17.10.2017

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ORDER:

In the reference 3rd read above, the Director of Mines and Geology has stated that the Government recognized the Department of Mines & Geology as one of the nine growth engines for generation of income to the exchequer. Further, the Government fixed the target annually (financial year wise) for collection of revenue from the mines/quarries in the form of royalty/seigniorage fee by the Department of Mines & Geology. For Revenue Generating Departments regular reviews and Government conducts meetings regard and thrust given to the Government stresses the need for maximizing the revenue collections by sanction of leases/licenses and taking effective steps for prevention / curbing of illegal mining/quarrying and transportation of minerals in the State.

2. Further, the Director of Mines and Geology has also stated that the main reason for occurrence of illegal quarrying and transportation of minerals is due to delay non-disposal of mineral concession applications. The Ministry of Mines, Government of India constituted Co-ordination-cum-Empowered Committee (CEC) to regularly review the delay caused in disposal of mineral concession applications by the State Governments and devised an action plan for prevention of illegal Mining/Quarrying and transportation of minerals. Regular meetings on monthly basis are being held at New Delhi to review the matter.

3. The DMG has stated that Government vide Circular Memo No.16183-A/251/A1/PC-III/2007, Fin. (PC-III) Dept., dt.04-07-2007 issued instructions to all the District Collectors not to draft personal working in the Revenue Generating Departments for any other government programmes in the District. But, some of the District Collectors are drafting the officers working in the District offices for other Government programmes. This will have an adverse impact on the regulatory functions of the Mines and Geology Department on one hand and it will severely affect the collection of Royalty/Seigniorage fee from the Mines/Quarries, which is a source of revenue to the local bodies.

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4. The DMG has stated that earlier Government vide reference 2nd read above have issued necessary instructions to all the District Collectors in the State to exempt the Staff/Officers of the Mines and Geology Department from drafting the services to other Government programme works. However, the District Collectors are drafting the officers working in Mines and Geology Department in the District offices for other Government programme works in spite of the specific instructions issued by the Government.

5 The Director of Mines and Geology has requested the Government to examine the matter and issue necessary orders to all the District Collectors in the State to exempt the staff of the Mines and Geology Department from drafting to other Government programmes, on par with other Revenue Earning Departments, in the form of G.O., since Mines and Geology Department has to play one the major role in generating mineral revenue to the State Exchequer, and also Gross Value Added (GVA) to the State.

6. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby order exempting the staff of Mines and Geology Department from all other duties at the District level on par with other Revenue earning departments.

7. The Director of Mines and Geology, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada/the CCLA, A.P. Vijayawada and all the District Collectors in the state shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHR PRADESH)

B.SREEDHAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The CCLA, A.P.Vijayawada.
The Director of Mines and Geology, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada,
All the District Collectors in the State,
Copy to:
The Principal Secretary to CM (GSP),
The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to CM,
The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Mines and Geology,
The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government,
The P.S. to Secretary to Govt., (Mines)
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//FORWARDED BY: ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER